IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1, 2, 6, and 7, and amend claims 3-5 as follows:

1.   (Canceled)

2.   (Canceled)

3.   (Currently Amended) A telecommunication terminal apparatus ~~according to claim 1,~~ operable for providing a notification using a melody, comprising:

storage means configured to store musical composition data in which a plurality of starting points suitable for starting a performance are set;

point register means for storing information indicative of an arbitrary performance starting position of the musical composition data; and

musical tone-generating means responsive to an instruction for starting the notification using the melody, for reading out the musical composition data from said storage means and for reproducing the read out musical composition data according to the information indicative of the arbitrary performance starting position, stored in said point register means, to thereby start generating the melody from the arbitrary performance starting position of the musical composition data wherein

said musical tone-generating means is responsive to an instruction for ending the notification using the melody, for stopping reproducing the musical composition data, for detecting a reproduction stop position of the musical composition data having been reproduced, and for writing ~~information indicative of a reproduction stop position of the musical composition data having been reproduced and~~ a starting point corresponding to a rear position closest to the detected reproduction stop position among the plurality of starting points into said point register means.

4.   (Currently Amended) A telecommunication terminal apparatus ~~according to claim~~

1, operable for providing a notification using a melody, comprising:

storage means configured to store musical composition data in which a plurality of starting points suitable for starting a performance are set;

point register means for storing information indicative of an arbitrary performance starting position of the musical composition data; and

musical tone-generating means responsive to an instruction for starting the notification using the melody, for reading out the musical composition data from said storage means and for reproducing the read out musical composition data according to the information indicative of the arbitrary performance starting position, stored in said point register means, to thereby start generating the melody from the arbitrary performance starting position of the musical composition data wherein

said musical tone-generating means is responsive to an instruction for ending the notification using the melody, for stopping reproducing the musical composition data, for detecting a reproduction stop position of the musical composition data having been reproduced, and for writing the detected reproduction stop position into said point register means, and said musical tone-generating means is responsive to the instruction for starting the notification using the melody, for generating the melody from a starting point corresponding to a rear position closest to the ~~arbitrary performance starting~~ reproduction stop position stored in said point register means among the plurality of starting points.

5.   (Currently Amended) A telecommunication terminal apparatus ~~according to claim~~ 1, operable for providing a notification using a melody, comprising:

storage means configured to store musical composition data in which a plurality of starting points suitable for starting a performance are set;

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point register means for storing information indicative of an arbitrary performance starting position of the musical composition data; and

musical tone-generating means responsive to an instruction for starting the notification using the melody, for reading out the musical composition data from said storage means and for reproducing the read out musical composition data according to the information indicative of the arbitrary performance starting position, stored in said point register means, to thereby start generating the melody from the arbitrary performance starting position of the musical composition data wherein

one starting point can be selected from among the plurality of starting points, and the selected one starting point is written as the arbitrary performance starting position into said point register means.

6.   (Canceled)

7.   (Canceled)

8.   (Previously Presented)   A telecommunication terminal apparatus operable for providing a notification using a melody, comprising:

storage means capable of storing musical composition data in which a plurality of starting points suitable for starting performance are set;

point register means for storing information indicative of an arbitrary performance starting position of the musical composition data; and

musical tone-generating means responsive to an instruction for starting the notification using the melody, for reading out the musical composition data from said storage means and for reproducing the read out musical composition data according to the information indicative of the arbitrary performance starting position, stored in said point register means, to thereby start

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generating the melody from the arbitrary performance starting position of the musical

composition data,

wherein said point register means is operable for storing, as the information

indicative of the arbitrary performance starting position, a starting point coincident with a

performance ending position of the musical composition data among the plurality of starting

points set in the musical composition or the closest starting point after the performance ending

position among the plurality of starting points.

9.   (Previously Presented)   A telecommunication terminal apparatus operable

for providing a notification using a melody, comprising:

storage means operable for storing musical composition data in which a plurality of

starting points suitable for starting performance are set;

point register means for storing information indicative of an arbitrary performance

:starting position of the musical composition data; and

musical tone-generating means responsive to an instruction for starting the notification

using the melody, for comparing the information indicative of the arbitrary performance starting

position stored in the point register means with the plurality of starting points set in the musical

composition data, and for detecting the starting point coincident with the performance ending

position among the plurality of starting points or the closest starting point after the performance

ending position among the plurality of starting points and reproducing the musical composition

data according to the detected the starting point, to thereby start generating the melody from the

arbitrary performance starting position of the musical composition data,

wherein said point register means is operable for storing, as the information

indicative of the arbitrary performance starting position, a performance ending position of the

musical composition data which has been reproduced by said musical tone-generating means.

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